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SUBJECT: ANGELITA TRUJILLO'S VISIT PRODUCES TENSIONS

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1. ANGELITA TRUJILLO'S VISIT HAS ACTIVATED OLD PASSIONS AND NEW FEARS. AS FIRST OF LATE DICTATOR'S IMMEDIATE FAMILY TO RETURN TO DR SHE HAS BECOME FOCAL POINT OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TRUJILLISTAS--OLD AND NEW--AND THOSE WHO OPPOSED AND STILL OPPOSE THE "TYRANNY." ANGELITA'S STORY REMAINS THE PRINCIPAL NEWS ITEM FOR SANTO DOMINGO'S SENSATIONALIST AFTERNOON PRESS BUT HAS RECEIVED ATTENTION FROM EL CARIBE AND LISTIN DIARIO AS WELL. RADIO AND TELEVISION HAVE GIVEN FULL COVERAGE TO VISIT.

2. MOLOTOV COCKTAIL WAS THROWN EARLY JULY 22 AT HEADQUARTERS OF NEWLY FORMED MOVIMIENTO QUISQUEYANO DE ORIENTACION NACIONAL PATRIA Y DEMOCRACIA, REPORTEDLY A TRUJILLISTA ORGAN, BUT CAUSED NO DAMAGE BECAUSE OF QUICK ACTION BY NIGHT WATCHMAN. (PARTY PRESIDENT JUAN FERNANDO DE LA CRUZ MALLOL DENIES THAT THE PARTY HAS ANY RELATIONSHIP TO THE TRUJILLOS.) A MASS HAS BEEN ORGANIZED FOR JULY 23 AT THE CATHEDRAL OF SANTO DOMINGO IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO DIED AS VICTIMS OF TRUJILLO. THE TWO SURVIVING PARTICIPANTS IN THE 1961 ASSASSINATION OF TRUJILLO, GENERALS IMBERT AND AMIAMA TIO, HAVE PRIVATELY EXPRESSED DISAPPROVAL

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OF THE VISIT BUT HAVE REMAINED SILENT PUBLICLY DESPITE THE PERSISTENCE

OF THE PRESS IN SEARCH OF STATEMENTS.

3. AN OSTENSIBLE PURPOSE OF ANGELITA'S RETURN WAS TO BAPTIZE A DAUGHTER AT THE BASILICA OF OUR LADY OF ALTAGRACIA IN THE EASTERN CITY OF HIGUEY. CHURCH OFFICIALS HAD PREVIOUSLY INFORMED HER THAT BAPTISM WAS

IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE HER MARRIAGE HAD NOT BEEN PERFORMED BY CATHOLIC CHURCH.

WHEN SHE AND HUSBAND AND DAUGHTER ARRIVED AT HIGUEY AT NOON JULY 21 NO

PRIEST APPEARED TO PERFORM THE RITE. PRESS COVERAGE OF EVENT WAS COPIOUS,

(IT WAS NOTED BY ONE EDITOR, HOWEVER, THAT ANGELITA'S PARTY INCLUDED NO ONE WHO MIGHT HAVE SERVED AS GODPARENT.)

4. VISIT IS TO END WITH DEPARTURE TODAY OF ANGELITA AND FAMILY, BUT ISSUES IT HAS RAISED WILL REMAIN UNDER DISCUSSION FOR SOME TIME. IT STIRRED THE LATENT PASSIONS FOR AND AGAINST THE MEMORY OF TRUJILLO AND SERVED A REMINDER OF THE LONG SHADOW CAST BY RAFAEL LEONIDAS TRUJILLO.
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